

Remarks

The Office Action dated March 24, 2004 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 1-7, 9, 10 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ryham or Gautreaux, Jr. in view of Martin et al. The Examiner states that Applicant's previous arguments are not convincing because they are not commensurate in scope with the claims. The Examiner suggests an amendment to claim 1 that would be given favorable consideration.


By the accompanying amendment, claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner is respectfully reminded that a change of address was filed in this case on May 6, 2003, yet the last Office Action was sent to the previous address. Please send all communications to the following address:

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Reconsideration, entry of the amendment and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,


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